REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested. Claims 17-51 are pending, Claims 17, 22, 23, 29, 30, 35, 40, and 47 having been amended by way of the present amendment. Support for the amendments is found throughout the specification, for example at page 17, second paragraph, continuing to page 18, third full paragraph. Therefore no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action Claims 17-51 were rejected as being unpatentable over Blake (US Patent Publication No. 2003/0031465) in view of Lawler (US Patent No. 5,585,838).

Amended Claim 17 is directed to a reception device for controlling a recording module. The device includes means for receiving a formatted file including operating mode information, operation starting time information and operation ending time information of the recording module and being transmitted through a network. Other features in Claim 17 have been discussed in more detail in the response filed February 19, 2008, the entire contents of which is incorporated herein by reference. For conciseness these features and supportive arguments are not reiterated expressly herein.

Blake is directed to a television schedule guide with enhanced recording capability, including scheduling the recording of a television program from a remote location. Blake describes a program guide image that is generated locally or remotely and provided to an on-screen display controller. Interactivity is provided via remote control, mouse or keyboard or by way of computer [0034]. The schedule information is transmitted as a short set of commands of specified formats that include information such as show schedule, title and description and information attributes about each show in the channel [0036]. This information for show is transmitted in several commands and ID numbers are used to

facilitate organization in the database [0036]. The table in [0051] shows a data structure for the schedule.

However, comparing amended Claim 17 with Blake, amended Claim 17 requires a means for receiving a formatted file including operating mode information, operation start time information, and operation ending time information and being transmitted through a network. However, Blake does not transmit through a network the formatted file including these features. As such the device in Blake would not have the attributes being able to set the start and end time, or the particular operating mode in which the recording module will operate. As such it is respectfully submitted that Blake does not disclose all the elements of amended Claim 17. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that Lawler does not cure the deficiencies with regard to Blake. Lawler is directed to a program time guide for interactive viewing system that allows users to control the time and channel for which a program information is displayed, but does not teach receiving a formatted file including operating mode information, operation starting time information, and operation ending time information of the recording module. As such, no matter how Blake and Lawler are combined, the combination does not teach or suggest all of the elements of amended Claim 17.

Although of a different statutory class and/or scope, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 18-51, as amended, also patentably define over Blake in view of Lawler for substantially the same reasons discussed above with regard to amended Claim 17.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the Claims 17-51, as amended, patentably define over the asserted prior art. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

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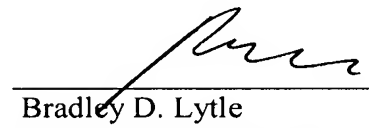

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